Dear Lillian and Harold Weisberg,

Thank You so much for your help and kindness!

The Nation owes you even more, although you have not yet received The Medal of Freedom. If I had the wealth and power of one of the Rockefellers, I would recommend you to the Government of the U.S.A. to be the next recipient. Walter Cronkite received this Medal, but he did not have to suffer outrageous insults and allegations against his reputation and loyalty to America for disagreeing with Vietnam policy, for example. For this reason I regard you as an American version of the Athenian philosopher, Socrates (Fifth Century B.C.). Socrates was accused of corrupting the youth of Athens for encouraging them to seek Truth, Love and Goodness. In the Apology, written by his greatest student, Plato, Socrates stated that the famous athletes and entertainers of his time gave Athens the appearance of success, whereas Socrates gave them the real gifts of a divine nature. Socrates was condemned to death by a jury of 500, and yet he continued his mission by pointing out the mistakes of their judgment. Socrates remained loyal to Athens and tried to save it. Not long after they lost their Freedom.

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People ought to remember the grievous error of Athens against Socrates when the patriotic work of Harold Weisberg is not judged in the proper context.

Sincerely and Respectfully,
Peter Baeglabes